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TITLE: COUPLING FOR CONNECTING TUBES WITH A NUT-RUNNER


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**AMENDMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2008 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on April 18, 2008. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this Amendment is a Request for One-Month Extension of time with required fees, to extend the period of reply to Monday May 19, 2008. Applicant believes this Amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**A Summary of an Interview** between Examiner Jay Ripley and the undersigned representative begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.